

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original) A synthetic composition comprising (a) one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of flavanols and hydroxystilbenes; and (b) one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of flavanones, flavones, flavonols, proanthocyanidins and anthocyanidins with the proviso that a combination of (i) catechin and quercetin and (ii) EGCg, pine extract and grape extract is specifically excluded;

wherein the molar ratio of total group (a) compound(s) to total group (b) compound(s) in said composition is at least 2.5:1.

Claim 2 (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein (a) comprises one or more flavanols and (b) comprises one or more flavonols.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein (a) comprises EGCg and (b) comprises quercetin.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1 wherein (b) comprises a mixture of proanthocyanidins and anthocyanidins provided as a plant extract.

Claim 5 (Original) A composition according to claim 4 wherein the plant extract is an extract of French maritime pine bark.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1, wherein the molar ratio of total group (a) compound(s) to total group (b) compound(s) is less than 50:1.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) A medicament or nutritional supplement comprising a composition according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1 together with a pharmacologically acceptable carrier.

Claim 8 (Original) A medicament or nutritional supplement according to claim 7, comprising from 0.002% to 10% by weight of total group (a) compound(s) plus total group (b) compound(s).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) A food product comprising a composition according to ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~claim 1.

Claim 10 (Original) A food product according to claim 9, comprising from 0.002% to 10% by weight of total group (a) compound(s) plus total group (b) compound(s).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) A beverage comprising a composition according to ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~claim 1.

Claim 12 (Original) A beverage according to claim 11, comprising from 0.002% to 10% by weight of total group (a) compound(s) plus total group (b) compound(s).

Claim 13 (Original) A method of reducing neuronal degeneration in an individual which method comprises administering to the individual, a composition which comprises (a) one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of flavanols and hydroxystilbenes; and (b) one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of flavanones, flavones, flavonols, proanthocyanidins and anthocyanidins.

Claim 14 (Original) A method according to claim 13 wherein the neuronal degeneration is in the hippocampus of the individual.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended) A method of manufacture of a medicament for use in reducing neuronal degeneration in an individual comprising Use-use of a composition which comprises (a) one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of flavanols and hydroxystilbenes; and (b) one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of flavanones, flavones, flavonols, proanthocyanidins and anthocyanidins;
~~in the manufacture of a medicament for use in reducing neuronal degeneration in an individual.~~

Claim 16 (Original) A method of delaying, reducing or preventing an age-related decline in cognitive function in a mammal which method comprises administering to the mammal a composition which comprises (a) one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of flavanols and hydroxystilbenes; and (b) one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of flavanones, flavones, flavonols, proanthocyanidins and anthocyanidins.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended) A method of manufacture of a product for use in delaying, reducing or preventing an age related-decline in cognitive function in a mammal comprising Use-use of a composition which comprises (a) one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of flavanols and hydroxystilbenes; and (b) one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of flavanones, flavones, flavonols, proanthocyanidins and anthocyanidins;
~~in the manufacture of a product for use in delaying, reducing or preventing an age related decline in cognitive function in a mammal.~~